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FROM : Chief of Station
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Attn: E

SUBJECT: GER

SPECIFIC:

CAMIRADE Radio Training

REFERENCE:

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1. E I's memo on the training of CAMIRADE as a W/T operator raises two points that need further discussion:

a. Although he was originally an agent for the Russians and doubled by us through SAVOY, CAMIRADE appears to have had his last contact with his Russian case officers in October 1947 (BSG/OPB/173), and as far as we know here, has not been a double agent since that time. Unless Berlin informs us of new developments in this case, we can take it that CAMIRADE's employment as a double agent under our control in the past need not affect plans for his use as a W/T operator. The case can be judged solely on its present merits and future prospects, which look promising from here.

b. E I has stated the general point, about the use of any double agent in W/T operations, somewhat too broadly. E I's statement, cited in paragraph 2, should be applied only to a particular type of double, the so-called "controlled enemy agent." This organization certainly has no blanket policy prohibiting the use of all double agents in W/T work, though of course each case will require critical scrutiny. The point that an enemy IS might obtain damaging information, "in spite of the strongest ideological loyalty the double agent might have for us," would appear to apply equally to any straight agent who falls into enemy hands.

2. At any rate, unless new circumstances alter cases, CAMIRADE's qualifications and present prospects do seem to us to make him a likely candidate.

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